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1. [] a total of 13 motorboats were observed tied up in groups alongside the quay in Braila harbor. These vessels were between 12 and 15 meters long and painted dark blue. A machine gun was mounted on a tripod on the foredeck of each of these boats which carried the Rumanian Navy ensign. A vessel, between 80 and 100 meters long, was tied up to the quay. She was painted dark blue, had a short smokestack, seemed to be slender and had no high superstructures. Two guns, one each mounted behind protective shields were emplaced on the foredeck and the fantail of this vessel. War vessel [] was also observed. This vessel was about 60 meters long, was painted green and had no superstructures on the deck except the bridge. Vessels [] were moored at the harbor quay. They were between 70 and 80 meters long, painted green and seemed to be recently completed. Wooden huts, about two meters high and fitted with large doors and windows, were erected on the deck of these two vessels. 25X1
2. [] a vessel, about 80 meters long, was moored at the harbor quay. She was painted dark blue, carried some guns behind protective shields on deck and some smaller guns separately mounted on the superstructures. Another vessel, about 40 meters long and painted gray, which seemed to be narrow and low-sided, was tied up alongside this ship. 25X1
3. [] a monitor marked [] was seen moored alongside the Braila harbor pier. She was about 70 meters long, painted dark blue and had a red waterline. She carried a four-barreled antiaircraft gun at her stern and two gun barrels of an estimated caliber of 120 mm each projecting from the deck superstructure forward and aft. Another four-barreled antiaircraft gun was mounted on the deck superstructure and a two-barreled antiaircraft gun at the after end of superstructures. An armored cupola with two short gun barrels of about 75 mm caliber was aft of the superstructures and a small armored cupola with two guns of about 37 mm caliber was at the stern. 25X1

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4. [] a ship proceeding down river observed a vessel riding at anchor on the left bank of the Danube River between river kilometers 171 and 172, Braila. The vessel observed had two smokestacks, several guns and was painted dark blue. War vessel [] which had been repainted dark blue, was moored on the left bank of the Danube River near river kilometer 170. Monitor [] was moored farther downstream. A vessel with sturdy superstructures was observed in the shipyard area of Braila. Both her superstructures and her hull were dirty gray and partially rusty red in color. 25X1
5. [] a vessel was seen under construction or undergoing repair at the Braila shipyard. She was about 100 meters long and rusted on wooden beams ashore. The hull was painted with red primer and the vessel had a sturdy bridge, two gun turrets forward, three gun turrets aft and two round superstructures amidships. No gun barrels had been installed nor were there any smokestacks built. Vessel [] was moored in Braila harbor. She was between 70 and 80 meters long, had two smokestacks, was painted dark blue, and carried four separately mounted guns, two each on the fore-deck and on the fantail. Four single guns of an estimated caliber of 34 mm were mounted on the superstructure between the two smokestacks and four 20 mm guns, one each mounted on a round platform were between the after smokestack and the two guns. A 20 mm two-barreled antiaircraft gun mounted on a pedestal was at the stern. 25X1
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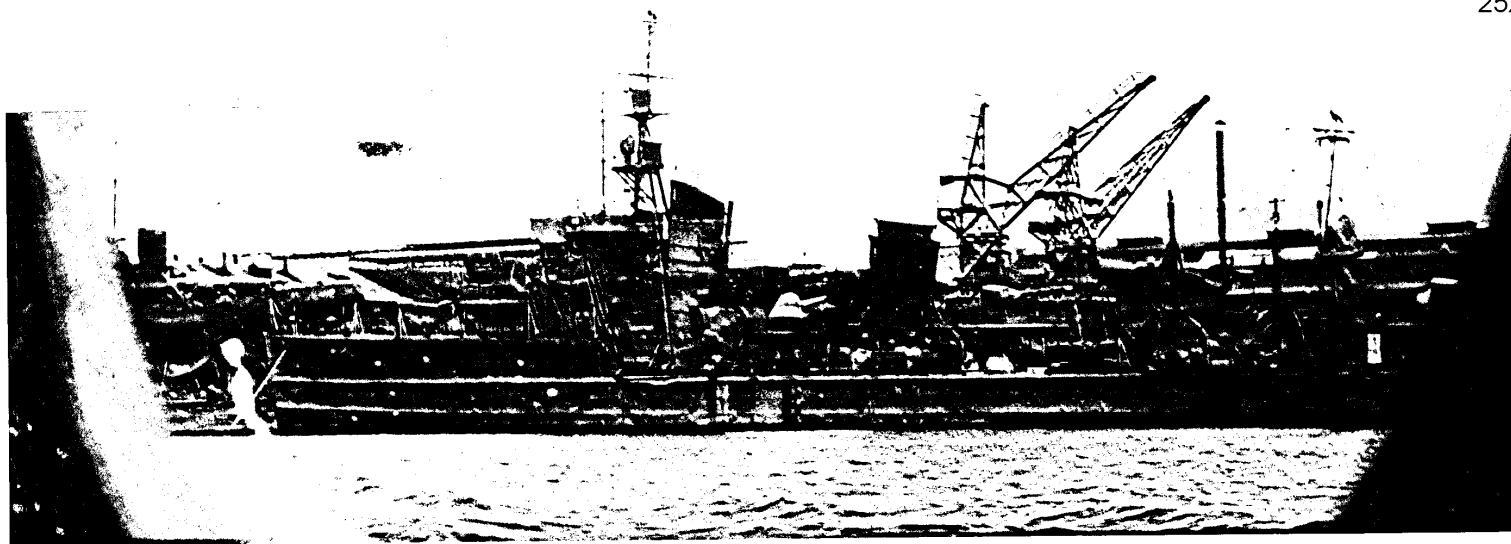
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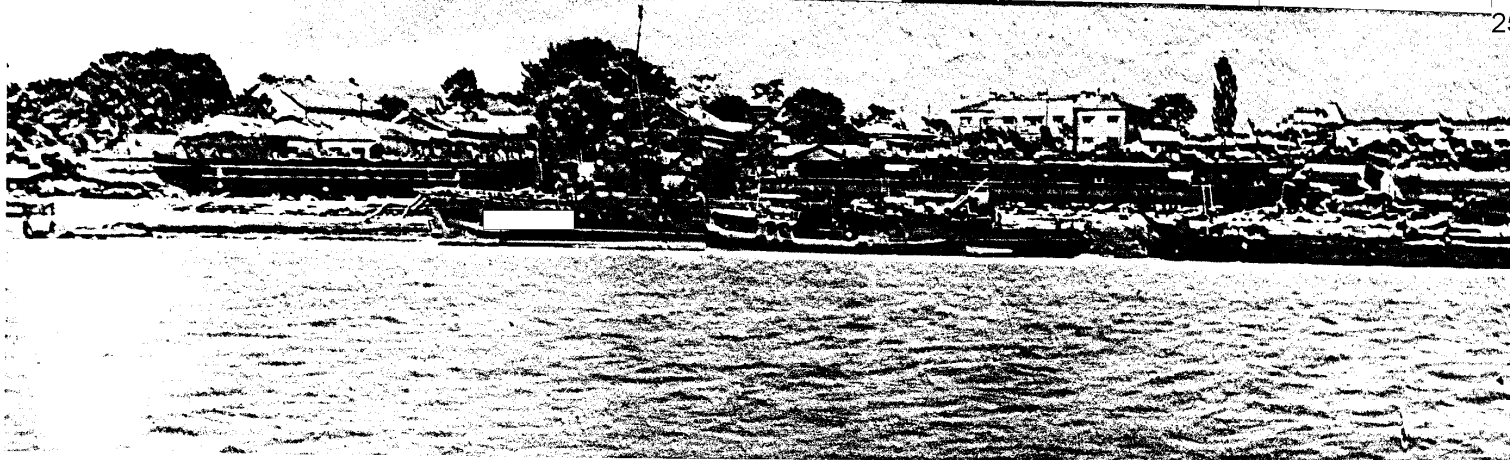
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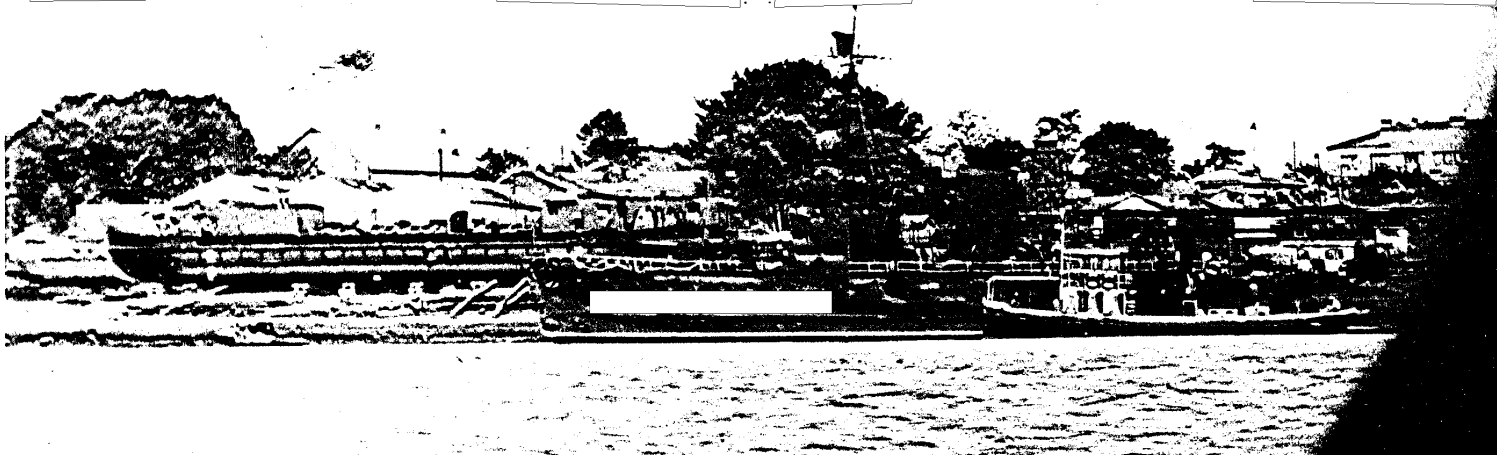
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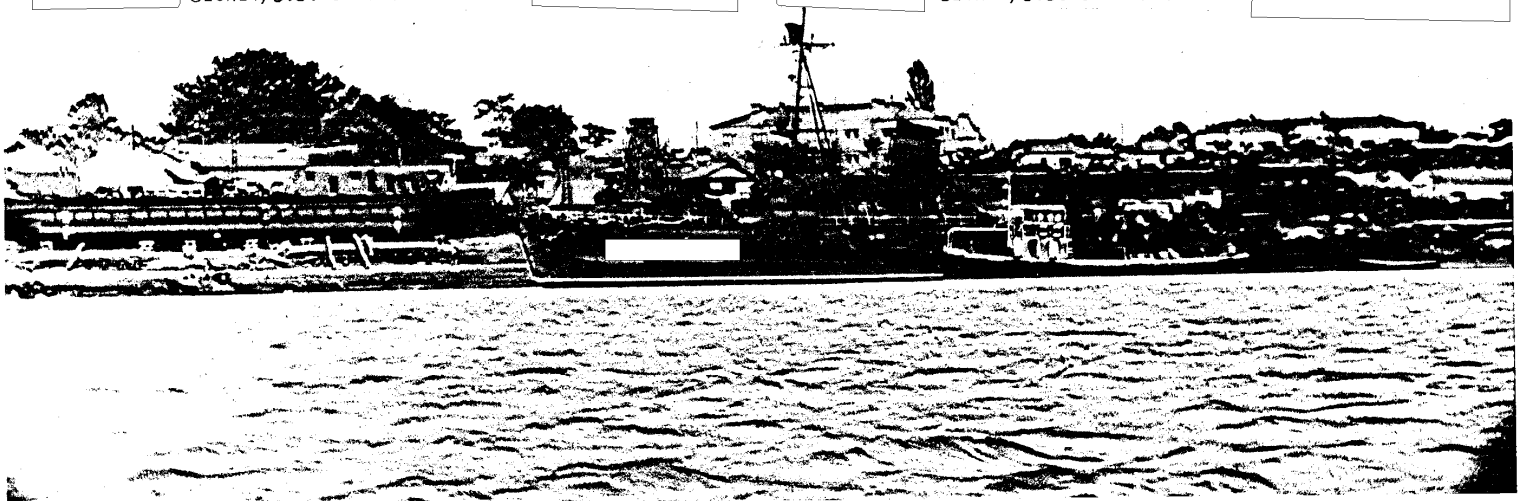
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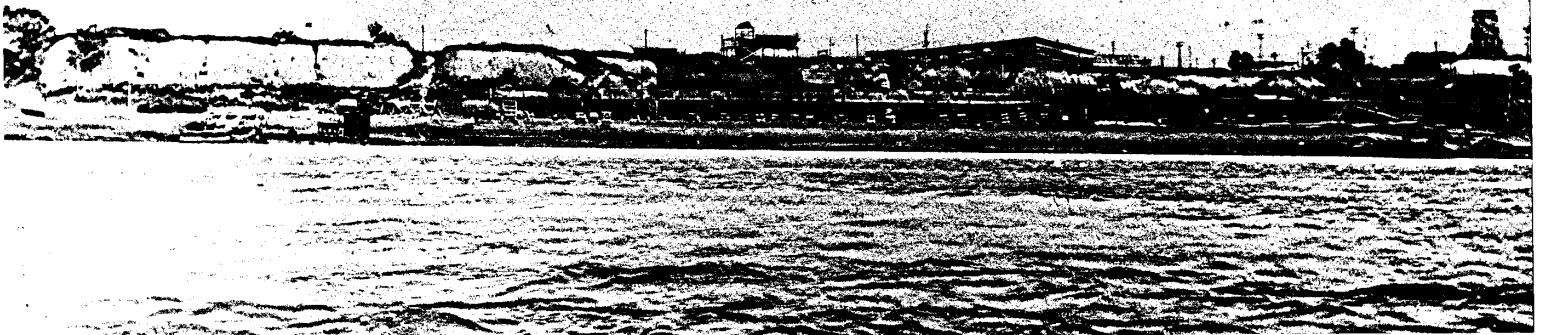
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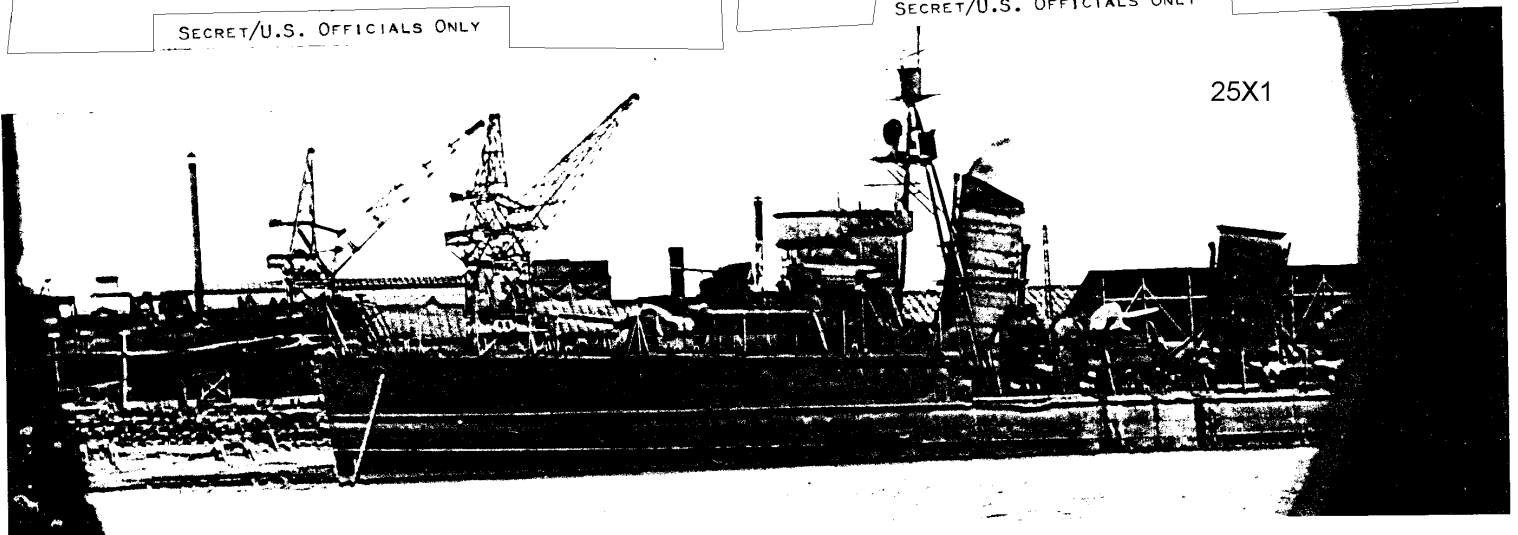
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